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WE, SUSAN J. WONG AND PEI-YONG SHI, DECLARE AND STATE THAT:

1. We are the co-inventors of the subject matter described and claimed in the present patent application.

2. A journal article entitled "A Recombinant Envelope Protein-Based Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay for West Nile Virus Serodiagnosis," Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Diseases, June 2002, Vol. 2, No. 2, Pg. 105-109 (hereinafter "Wang et al."), names seven authors: T. Wang, L.A. Magnarelli, J.F. Anderson, L.H. Gould, S.L. Bushmich, S.J. Wong, and E. Fikrig. As stated above, the co-inventors of the subject matter described and claimed in the

present invention are S.J. Wong and P. Shi. Thus, the authors of Wang et al. are not "others" as defined by 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as to the inventive entity of this application, the inventive entity overlaps with the authors of Wang et al. ✓

3. As is known in the scientific community, persons are or are not included as authors on scientific articles for reasons that do not involve inventorship Co-authors T. Wang, L.A. Magnarelli, J.F. Anderson, L.H. Gould, S.L. Bushmich, and E. Fikrig did not make an independent inventive contribution to the invention claimed in this application.

4. Thus, we are advised and therefore believe that since the authors of Wang et al. are not "others" as to the present inventive entity, this document is not available as a reference against the present patent application. We thus respectfully request that rejections based on this document be reconsidered and withdrawn.

5. We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine, or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the present application or any patent issued thereon.

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DIAGNOSTIC TEST FOR WEST NILE VIRUS

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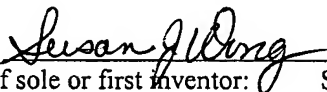
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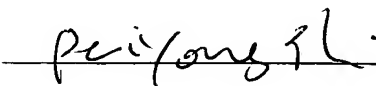
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